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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT SYSTEM POSITION  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**JOB TITLE:** Recreation/Activity Specialist II

**NUMBER:** 22-03

**JOB CODE:** J2000

**DATE:** March 4, 2022

**JOB LOCATION:** Mary Starke Harper Geriatric  
Psychiatry Center  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**POSITION NO:** 8801999

**SALARY RANGE:** 68 (33,744.00 - \$51,177.60 Annually)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation, or a closely related field. Experience (24 months or more) in Recreation, Physical Education, or Therapeutic Activities. *Preference will be given to applicants with previous experience in Mental Health and Gerontology and that possess or are eligible to receive certification as a CTRS through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Society.*

**KIND OF WORK:** Organize, direct, and manage Therapeutic Recreation services for mentally ill geriatric patients. Assure department compliance with JCAHO, Medicare, and Medicaid standards applicable to care and treatment for the mentally ill geriatric patient. Supervise, direct, and evaluate the work of Therapeutic Recreation staff to ensure appropriate therapeutic recreation services/care is provided to geriatric patients. Direct the performance improvement program for Therapeutic Recreation and other assigned activities for geriatric patients. Complete and ensure proper completion of Geriatric Patients' Therapeutic Recreation Assessment Report in a thorough/timely manner to comply with Medicare, Medicaid, and JCAHO Standards. Participate in and ensure appropriate input by Therapeutic Recreation staff in the development of geriatric patients' individualized treatment plans. Document information in geriatric patients' charts (progress notes, etc.). Develop, coordinate, and provide diversional recreation activity for geriatric patients. Conduct Therapeutic Recreation department meetings and participate in interdisciplinary meetings. Direct volunteers in a safe/organized manner for positive outcome for geriatric patients, staff, facility, and volunteers. Participate in treatment planning, implementation of treatment, and documentation of treatment for geriatric patients in accordance with skill level and disciplinary requirements to assure continual certification/accreditation by Medicare, Medicaid, and JCAHO. Perform other related assignments necessary to maintain the efficient and effective operation of the Therapeutic Recreation Department and the Harper Center.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** Ability to keep accurate records and write reports. Ability to interact with patients and other professionals in a courteous, professional manner. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Ability to utilize professional data in planning and evaluating the activities programs and to adapt and implement such programs as required. Knowledge of individual and group behavior and effective ways of working with geriatric mentally ill patients. Knowledge of

the nature/specifications for equipment and supplies needed for the assigned activities programs and their proper care and maintenance.

**METHOD OF SELECTION:** Applicants will be rated based of an evaluation of their training, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as above mentioned. All relevant information is subject to verification. **Drug test required. Security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment and whose job requires direct contact with patients.**

**HOW TO APPLY:** Use of an official application for Professional Employment (exempt Classification) which may be obtained from our website at [www.mh.alabama.gov](http://www.mh.alabama.gov). Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered. Applications should be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Announcements opened until filled will remain open until a sufficient applicant pool is obtained. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure the application will be considered for the position. Copies of License/Certification should be uploaded with your application. A copy of the academic transcript is required. Appointments of successful candidate will be conditional based on receipt of the official transcript provided by the school, college, or university.

**DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED**

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